

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 25, 2003, claims 1-8, 12-14, 16-18, 20-30, 32 and 33 are pending, claims 1-8, 14, 16 and 17 are allowed, claims 12, 13, 18 and 20 are objected to and claims 21-30, 32 and 33 are rejected.

This response addresses each of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

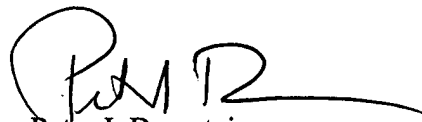
Applicants have amended the claims to expedite favorable prosecution and respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 and 13 have been objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(c) as allegedly of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of previous claim. Applicants have amended claim 13 and cancelled claim 12 without prejudice, as suggested by the Examiner, to expedite favorable prosecution.

Claims 18 and 20 have been objected to for allegedly being substantial duplicates of claim 17. Claims 24-26 have been objected to as alleged duplicates of claims 21-23 respectively. Claims 21-30, 32 and 33 have been rejected under 35 U. S. C. §112, first paragraph, allegedly for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants have cancelled claims 18, 20, 24-26, 21-30, 32 and 33 without prejudice, to expedite favorable prosecution. Applicants have not abandoned the subject matter of claims 18, 20, 24-26, 21-30, 32 and 33 and reserve the right to file a divisional application directed thereto.

Thus, in view of the foregoing, it is firmly believed that the present application is
in condition of allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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